NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received a few notices of motions for the adjournment of the business of the House. The first is from Mr. V. K. Velayudhan—*Varkalai Fishermen*.

"I intend asking for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance relating to a matter of recent occurrence, namely, the situation created by the high-handed and arbitrary action of the Police Inspector, Varkalai in causing loss to a considerable extent to the Muslim fisherfolk at Chilakoor, Varkalai. by asking those who gathered on the Beach on the 27th Vrischikam 1113|12th December 1937 to remove the fish left by those fishermen to dry on the beach, the fishermen having been accustomed to gather and dry fish on the beach in question from time immemorial. The act in question has rendered about five hundred families of the fisherfolk destitute."

I rule the motion out of order on the ground, firstly, that it is not a matter of recent occurrence because it took place on the 12th December 1937 and, secondly, that the matter has been enquired into and there has been a personal inspection of the spot by the Head of the Administration and orders are now pending issue. It is not a matter of urgent public importance. The matter has been dealt with, and no answers can be given on the floor of this House without reference to certain orders which have been passed but which are still in a confidential stage pending issue.

Karunagapalli Police Inspector—Corruption of—Mr. G. P. Nilakanta Pillai has sent the following notice:

"I intend asking for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the situation created in the Taluk of Karunagapalli, by the continued acts of corruption and high-handedness of the Inspector of Police which though sought to be made known to the public and to the Government, by means of a meeting to be convened by 151 respectable people of the taluk and in the immediate presence of the representatives of the Taluk, in both Houses of Legislature, do not appear to have been taken notice of by the Government in spite of repeated representations made to the Dewan on the matter. The meeting was to have been held on 25-5-1113|9th January 1938."

On the ground that it is not a matter of urgent public importance, I rule the motion out of order.

ASSAULT ON MESSRS, MADHAVA VARIER AND T. M. MUTHALALY.

On this, I have received two notices, one from Mr. Thanu Pillai and the other from Mr. T. M. Varghese.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION BY MR. A. THANU PILLAI.

"I Intend asking for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Assembly for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the insecurity of person to which the public are exposed in the town of Trivandrum as evidenced by the recent unprovoked and wanton assaults in broad day light on two journalists namely Mr. T. M. Muthalali, Editor, the Malabar Advocate and Mr. M. R. Madhava Varier Editor, the Malayali, while they were walking along the public road.

The attack on Mr. Muthalaly took place on the morning and that on Mr. Varier in the evening of Wednesday, the 6th Makaram 1113. These incidents have created a great panic among the people who feel there is no public safety in the town."

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